

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel withdrawn claims 4, 5, 9, and 10.

Cancel claims 1 and 6.

Amend claims 2 and 7 as follows:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) ~~A system according to claim 1, further comprising~~
A financial document item processing system for processing a check having a
radio frequency identification (RFID) tag associated therewith, the system comprising:
a check transport path along which the check can be transported from an
upstream end of the check transport path to a downstream end of the check transport path;
an RFID tag endorser disposed along the check transport path and for
wirelessly transmitting check endorsement data to the RFID tag of the check transported
along the check transport path from the upstream end to the downstream end; and
 an RFID tag encoder for wirelessly transmitting magnetic ink character
 recognition (MICR) encoded data to the RFID tag of the check transported along the check
 transport path from the upstream end to the downstream end.
3. (previously presented) A financial document item processing system for
 processing a check having a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag associated therewith,
 the system comprising:
 a check transport path along which the check can be transported from an
 upstream end of the check transport path to a downstream end of the check transport path;
 and

an RFID tag encoder disposed along the check transport path and for wirelessly transmitting magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) encoded data to the RFID tag of the check transported along the check transport path from the upstream end to the downstream end.

4-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) ~~A method according to claim 6, further comprising:~~

A method of operating a financial document item processing system for processing a check having a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag associated therewith, the method comprising:

wirelessly transmitting check endorsement data to the RFID tag of the check transported along a check transport path of the item processing system from an upstream end of the check transport path to a downstream end of the check transport path; and

wirelessly transmitting magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) encoded data to the RFID tag of the check transported along the check transport path from the upstream end to the downstream end.

8. (previously presented) A method of operating a financial document item processing system for processing a check having a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag associated therewith, the method comprising:

wirelessly transmitting magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) encoded data to the RFID tag of the check transported along a check transport path of the item processing system from an upstream end of the check transport path to a downstream end of the check transport path.

9-10. (canceled)